GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3738
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WELFARE FACILITIES TO EX-SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the ex-servicemen registered as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of Sainik Welfare Boards existed in each State and the functioning thereof;

(c) the number of movable and immovable canteens functioning in each State;

(d) the number of States in which such facilities are not available; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide such facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) The number of ex-servicemen registered with Rajya Sainik Boards as on 30th September, 2004 is 18,94,962/-. State-wise list is enclosed at Appendix `A`.

(b) Each State has got a Rajya Sainik Board/Department of Sainik Welfare responsible for welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen/dependents. These Rajya Sainik Boards have got Zila Sainik Boards under them at the district level. There are a total of 32 Rajya Sainik Boards and 340 Zila Sainik Boards.

The functions of Rajya Sainik Boards are given at Appendix `B`.

(c) & (d): The details of mobile and immobile canteens state-wise is given at Appendix `C`.

From time to time, improvement is done to cover any left out areas. Places which are far flung are covered by mobile canteens.

(e) Question does not arise.

APPENDIX `A` REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3738 FOR 23.12.2004

Sl.No. States/UTs No. of Ex-servicemen

1. ANDHRA PRADESH 67022

2. ARUNACHAL PRADESH 284

3. ASSAM 26755

4. BIHAR 55890

5. CHATTISGARH 3951
6. GOA 1772

7 GUJARAT 18131

8. HIMACHAL PRADESH 91502

9. HARYANA 198716
10. JAMMU & KASHMIR 61663
11. JHARKHAND 15983
12. KARNATAKA 57435
13. KERALA 144440
14. MADHYA PRADESH 33695
15. MAHARASHTRA 157996
16. MANIPUR 4312
17. MEGHALAYA 2043
18. MIZORAM 4376
19. NAGALAND 2246
20. ORISSA 22904
21. PUNJAB 245763
22. RAJASTHAN 128978
23. SIKKIM 1144
24. TAMIL NADU 114895
25. TRIPURA 1981
26. UTTAR PRADESH 221619
27. UTTARANCHAL 114496
28. WEST BENGAL 51775
29. ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS 591
30. CHANDIGARH 7429
31. DELHI 33772
32. PONDICHERRY 1403

TOTAL 1894962

Note : Figures for the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Jharkand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Island are provisional.

APPENDIX `B` REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3738 FOR 23.12.2004

Functions of Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs):

1. The Departments of Sainik Welfare/Rajya Sainik Boards in the States/UTs are responsible for the following functions:-

(a) Co-ordinate the work of Zila Sainik Welfare Offices in the State.

(b) Maintain liaison with State Undertakings and enterprises and banks to seek vacancies for ESM and widows as per reservation policy of the State and as per recruitment rules, monitor such vacancies and ensure these are filled up by ex-servicemen or widows.

(c) Promoting measures for the welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen and families of serving/deceased personnel of the Armed Forces.

(d) Disseminating information to the general public regarding the Armed Forces in the country and for taking measures to enhance interest in Armed Forces amongst general public.

(e) Administering the Zila Sainik Welfare Offices (ZSWOs) in the State in accordance with the rules and instructions prescribed by the Central and State Governments.

(f) Carry out any duties assigned by Director General Resettlement/Secretary, Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB).

(g) Submit to KSB report for claiming the 50 percent charges for establishment expenditure of RSB and ZSBs of the State.

(h) Maintain upto date status of ESM, disabled ESM, widows and dependents.

(i) Ensure timely submission of reports and returns to DGR/KSB.

(j) Organise RSB meeting under Chairmanship of Chief Minister and Armed Forces Flag Day Fund meeting under chairmanship of Governor of the State.

(k) Seek and monitor employment opportunities for ESM and widows in the private sector.

(l) Assist ex-servicemen and widows in planning and funding of self-employment ventures.

(m) Organise Armed Forces Flag Day Fund collection drive throughout the year.

(n) Create additional welfare measures for ESM and widows.

APPENDIX `C` REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3738 FOR 23.12.2004

DETAILS OF MOBILE AND IMMOBILE CANTEEN STATEWISE (as on 1.7.2003)

States / UTs	Static canteens	Mobile canteens
Andhra Pradesh	140	-
Andaman & Nicobar	17	-
Arunachal Pradesh	27	-
Assam	245	6
Bihar	08	-
Chhattisgarh	01	05
Delhi	120	-
Goa	04	-
Gujarat	88	01
Haryana	209	-
Himachal Pradesh	05	32
Jammu & Kashmir	684	24
Jharkhand	55	-
Karnataka	85	1
Kerala	27	-
Madhya Pradesh	108	09
Maharashtra	209	16
Manipur	32	-
Mizoram	08	-
Nagaland	132	1
Orissa	05	-
Punjab	426	-
Rajasthan	261	2
Tamil Nadu	73	-
Tripura	10	4
Uttaranchal	09	08
Uttar Pradesh	474	22
West Bengal	206	-